Mr. Karnick Krishnamurti Rao.

In appendix II, the number of Europeans and Anglo-Indians is left out. I want to know the reason why the column about Europeans and Anglo-Indians is left out.

Chief Secretary.

It means that no appointments were made. The statement was compiled from the information received from the Districts.

Mr. Sanjiviah.

The term " other castes " is mentioned in the statement. What are these castes?

Dewan.

This is not a supplementary question.

Mr. Mallappa.

What is the number of Brahmin candidates appointed?

Chief Secretary.

The original question refers to the number of appointments given to candidates other than Brahmins. Hence this question does not arise.

BY MR. B L. BYANNA,—(Bangalore City).

Q.—2. *Re* appointment of members of the Vokkaligara Community as Probationary Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors in the Police Department, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Were any Vokkaligars appointed to the Probationary Inspectors' and Sub-Inspectors' posts last year in the Police Department?

(*b*) If the answer to the above is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to encourage the qualified members of this community at least this year by appointing some of them for these offices?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, LOCAL AND LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—2. (*a*) No.

The minimum qualification for a Probationary Inspector is the B.A. degree and as there was no application received

from a Vokkaliga graduate for the place either in 1923 or 1924, no Vokkaliga was appointed to the post. As regards Probationary Sub-Inspectors' posts, out of 7 applicants from the Vokkaligara community only 4 had the prescribed educational qualification; but they could not be appointed as they were found to be not up to mark in the final selection by the Inspector-General of Police.

(*b*) If qualified candidates of the community are forthcoming, the Inspector-General of Police will no doubt consider their claims.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. B. L. Byanna.

With reference to the answer to question 2 (*b*), will Government be pleased to define the term 'qualified candidates'?

Dewan.

That requires notice.

By Messrs. G. Paramasiviah and Mahomed Abbas Khan,—(Bangalore City).

Q.—3. *Re* proportion of members of the backward communities among the Gazetted Officers in the different administrative departments of the State, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) The proportion of the members of the backward communities amongst the Gazetted Officers in the different administrative departments of the State?

(*b*) Whether they have taken any or what steps to recruit members of the backward communities in large numbers to the higher ranks of public service?

The Chief Secretary to Government.—

A.—3. (*a*) A statement showing the number of Gazetted Officers in each department and the number of those of the backward communities and of other communities is placed on the table. (*Vide* Appendix III.) The figures in column (4) do not include Europeans, Anglo-Indians and others who cannot be considered as belonging to the backward classes.

(*b*) The increased representation of the backward communities in the higher ranks of the Service has been kept in view by Government in making direct appointments to the Gazetted ranks.